

## ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022

### SCHOOL NEWS

This week has been very busy in school as we have begun our season of Lent in preparation for Easter. Children have been finding out about the meanings of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, as well as making Lenten promises and discussing acts of kindness. In Assembly we have discussed the importance of showing loyalty to God through praying, fasting and giving to others.



We have also been celebrating the joy of reading through taking part in lots of activities during World Book Week. Children have listened to live stream book reads, spent time reading with their prayer buddies, made book crafts, dressed up for World Book Day and have got cosy and comfy today in their pyjamas ready to read some stories together.

Well done to the winners of the World Book Day dressing up competition although we were impressed with all children (and staff) for making such a good effort. The winners from each class won a lovely book to bring home:

Nursery: Noah      Reception: Tulisa      Year 1: Daniel B      Year 2: Theo  
Year 3: Eva      Year 4: Charlie      Year 5: Brayden      Year 6K: Jodie      Year 6J: Derek

Here is a picture of Year 4's World Book Day. More pictures will be uploaded to the School Website next week.



## **SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE**

In today's Assembly we discussed the situation between Russia and Ukraine as some of the children have been asking questions. Children have been encouraged to pray for all people affected by the conflict. Mrs Plant is organising donations from school as part of the Stand with Ukraine Appeal. If any families would like to donate toys, nappies, towels, toiletries and children's clothes, we would be very grateful if you could drop them off at the office.

## **RED NOSE DAY**

We will be supporting Red Nose Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. St Mary's School Council will be organising activities and selling red noses (priced at £1.50 each) from Monday. Children can bring money into school to purchase a Red Nose.

## **KEYSTAGE 2 MOVEMENT SKILLS FESTIVAL**

A group of pupils represented St Mary's at the Movement Skills Festival this week. The event took place at Valley Leadership Academy and everyone had a great time. We are very proud of the children.



## **PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS – SPRING TERM**

After receiving positive feedback from parents, we will be holding parent teacher meetings by telephone again this term. EYFS and Key Stage 1 meetings will take place the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and Key Stage 2 will take place the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Letters will be sent out next week with more details.

## **ONLINE SAFETY**

Each week, we will highlight online safety tips that can help to keep your child safe. Attached to this newsletter is a 'Parent's Guide to YouTube' which we hope you will find useful.

## **WEEKLY AWARDS - STAR OF THE WEEK**

Nursery – Amani Ahmed  
Reception – Ruben Brocklehurst  
Year 1 – Lilly-Mai Austin  
Year 2 – Frank Fera  
Year 3 – Brandon Diggin  
Year 4 – Analeece Buckley  
Year 5 – Dylan Milner-O'Hare  
Year 6J – Cain Woodrup  
Year 6K – Billie Navin

## ATTENDANCE

Here are our attendance figures for this week. The winning class will receive £10 for class treats.

Reception	87.5%
Year 1	89.6%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	88.8%
Year 4	93.6%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6J (Mrs Jackson)	95.4%
Year 6K (Mrs Knowles)	94.0%

**Weekly Overall School Attendance is 92.5%**

## BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

